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Lead Commissioner Workshop on Renewable Research and Development, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and Financing

The California Energy Commission Lead Commissioner on the *Integrated Energy Policy Report* (*IEPR*) *Update* will conduct a workshop to gather input on issues related to renewable energy in California and policies that will support the transition to a clean energy economy including: research and development, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and financing. Commissioner Carla Peterman oversees the *2012 IEPR Update*. Other Commissioners may attend the workshop. Other agency representatives may also attend and participate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

Beginning at 9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
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Agenda

The purpose of this workshop is to seek input from experts, stakeholders, and the general public on issues related to renewable financing for critical stages in renewable development including research, development, and demonstration. The workshop will address:

- Renewable technologies on the horizon that are not currently commercially available or are at the very early stage of commercialization, but have the potential to help achieve the 33 percent by 2020 Renewables Portfolio Standard goal.
- Lessons learned from case studies of project development and from renewable projects funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Current status of project finance, innovative financing strategies, and creative opportunities to provide capital.

This workshop will provide information needed to implement the following overarching strategy to address barriers to renewable development that was identified in the Energy Commission's *Renewable Power in California: Status and Issues* report:

Promote and coordinate existing state and federal financing and incentive programs for critical stages including research, development, and demonstration; precommercialization; and deployment. In particular, the state should maximize the use of federal cash grants and loan guarantee programs by prioritizing the permitting and interconnection of California-based renewable energy projects (and their associated transmission or distribution infrastructure) vying for federal stimulus funds.

The Lead Commissioner will consider input from this workshop together with other information from the 2012 IEPR Update proceeding to develop specific strategies and action items to promote renewable development and coordinate existing state and federal financing and incentive programs for crucial stages of renewable development.

Background

Governor Brown's Clean Energy Jobs Plan directed the Energy Commission to develop a plan to expedite permitting of the highest priority renewable generation and transmission projects. As part of the 2011 IEPR, the Energy Commission prepared the Renewable Power in California: Status and Issues report which discussed challenges to renewable development and current efforts to address those challenges.

The report identified five high-level strategies to address challenges to renewable development. These strategies, including the strategy that is the subject of this workshop, are the foundation for a more comprehensive renewable strategic plan that is being developed under the *2012 IEPR Update* proceeding.

Public Comment

Oral Comments. The IEPR Lead Commissioner will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written Comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **June 13, 2012**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website.

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If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission Dockets Office, MS-4 Re: Docket No. 12-IEP-1D 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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